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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BDIS, MASS, KS

SUBJECT:BALL POWDER PROJECT

1. WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY KOREA EXPLOSIVES COMPANY SAYING THAT KEC HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION BY OLIN WINCHESTER CORP. IN COMPETITION FOR PLANT TO MANUFACTURE BALL POWDER FOR MND. ACCORDING TO KEC OFFER OF CONSTRUCTION IS REQUIRED FROM OLIN, BUT OLIN HAS TOLD KEC IT HAS CONCLUDED AN ARRANGEMENT WITH ANOTHER KOREAN COMPANY WHICH PRECLUDES IT FROM DEALING WITH KEC. KEC CLAIMS UNSPECIFIED "OFFER" WAS EXTENDED TO SOME COMPANIES, BUT NOT TO KEC.

2. IN ORDER HANDLE KEC APPROACH, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION AND RUNDOWN ON POWDER PROJECT, PARTICULARLY WHETHER KEC PARTICIPATED IN ANY COMPETITIVE BIDDING OR OTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH OLIN WINCHESTER, AND WHETHER CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY OLIN WITH SOME OTHER KOREAN MANUFACTURER. AT THIS POINT, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT APPROACH EITHER GOVERNMENT OR COMPANY

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